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Claim 1 (original): A display support for releasably and rigidly holding a flat display comprising:

- (a) a base frame member;
- (b) first and second side frame members extending upwardly from opposing ends of said base frame member, said side frame members and said base frame member each having a substantially "U" shaped channel formed therein, said channel in said first side frame member facing said channel in said second side frame member and said channel in said base frame member facing upwardly to form a continuous channel whereby said display slides into and is supported by said channel defined by said frame members; and
- (c) support means for mounting said frame members on a supporting structure.

Claim 2 (original): A display support according to claim 1, wherein said flat display is a sign.


Claim 3 (original): A display support according to claim 1, wherein said support means comprises at least one horizontal bracket having opposing ends connected to said first and second side frame members for mounting said frame members to said supporting structure.

Claim 4 (original): A display support according to claim 3 wherein said bracket includes apertures therein for mounting said frame members to a supporting structure.

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Claim 5 (original): A display support according to claim 3, further comprising at least one adjustable stabilizing member attached to said bracket for mounting said frame members to said supporting structure.

Claim 6 (original): A display support according to claim 1, further comprising at least one horizontal bracket having opposing ends connected to said first and second side frame members and having apertures therein for attaching accessories such as lights and license plates.



Claim 7 (original): A display support according to claim 1, wherein said supporting structure is an automobile and said support means comprises:

- (a) a horizontal support member having first and second ends, said first end having attachment means for releasable attachment to a towing hitch on an automobile; and
- (b) a vertical support member connected to the second end of said horizontal support member and extending upwardly therefrom, said base frame member attached to said vertical support member whereby said display is positioned above said towing hitch.

Claim 8 (original): A display support according to claim 7, further comprising at least one horizontal bracket having opposing ends connected to said first and second side frame members, said bracket attached to said vertical support member for stabilizing said frame members.

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Claim 9 (original): A display support according to claim 8, further comprising at least one stabilizing member extending from said bracket to said horizontal support member for stabilizing said frame members.

{ Claims 10-13 (withdrawn). }

Claim 14 (original): A display support for holding a flat display comprising:


- (a) a single sheet of material having apertures formed therein;
- (b) said apertures adapted for permitting said flat display to be attached to said sheet of material by fasteners extending through said flat display and said apertures; and
- (c) straps attached to said sheet of material by inserting a portion of each of said straps through one of said apertures and affixing a fastener on an end thereof, said straps for mounting said sheet of material on a supporting structure.

Claim 15 (original): A display support for holding a flat display comprising:

- (a) a single sheet of material having a plurality of apertures formed therein;
- (b) said apertures adapted for permitting said flat display to be attached to said sheet of material by fasteners extending through said flat display and said apertures;
- (c) a horizontal support member having first and second ends, said first end having attachment means for releasable attachment to a towing hitch on an automobile; and
- (d) a vertical support member connected to the second end of said horizontal support

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member and extending upwardly therefrom, said sheet of material mounted on said vertical support member by a fastener extending through at least one of said apertures whereby said display is positioned above said towing hitch.

 {Claim 16 (withdrawn).}

Claim 17 (currently amended): A display support for holding a flat display according to claims 14; ~~or 15, or 16~~ wherein said apertures comprise four horizontally oriented rectangular apertures, each of said apertures positioned proximate a corner of said sheet and for receiving a strap extending vertically from said sheet of material.

Claim 18 (original): A display support for holding a flat display according to claims 17 wherein said apertures further comprise two pairs of vertically oriented rectangular apertures positioned on opposing sides of said sheet of material for receiving straps extending horizontally from said sheet of material.
